

EMPLOYER-SPONSORED INSURANCE: SEN. BARACK OBAMA (D-ILL.)

New Leadership on Health Care: A Presidential Forum

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"I think that employers either have to provide healthcare coverage for their employees or they've got to make a decision that they're going to help pay for those who don't have coverage outside of the employer system, and I think that is one important principle."

Obama Discusses his Health Care Reform Plan

May 29, 2007

"We will ask all but the smallest businesses who don't make a meaningful contribution today to the health care coverage of their employees to do so by supporting this new plan."

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"If you are working full-time in this economy, there's no reason why you should not be able to access healthcare and one thing that I think is important is to recognize that there are a lot of small employers who would like to give healthcare to their workers, but they themselves can't afford it, because they don't have access to large enough pools to allow them to save money. That's why I think it's going to be important that in addition to the employer based system, that we've got an alternative system that individuals who aren't getting it through the job can access."